

*There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child.
There are seven million.*

- Walt Streightiff



22 page Scroll on Mahatma Gandhi

It is fascinating to look at the world through the eyes of children. Their curiosity and zest for learning encouraged us to revisit the life of Mahatma Gandhi last month. On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, some of our young children prepared a time line of his life and achievements. After weeks of research, they put together a 22 page scroll which they shared with their friends. While reading about this great leader, they often had

passionate discussions on his philosophy and ideals and how they are relevant to our lives.

We also had the opportunity to interact with children of other NGOs at a screening of our animated film 'Raju & I' organized by the Mohile Parikh Centre. The sensitively made film was followed by a discussion on child rights and how each one of us could do our bit towards this cause.

The children of our Igatpuri project were helped further in accessing their right to education by Tata Motors Limited. Thanks to a new school bus donated by them, these young children who live in remote hamlets will no longer have to walk long distances to reach the Education Centre. They are very excited and eagerly look forward to their daily trips. For the first time, our community in Igatpuri celebrated World Indigenous People's Day in August 2012. About 500 people assembled at Aseema's Education Centre for Tribal Children in Awalkheda, where they were sensitized about their rights.



New School Bus at Igatpuri

To help our children deal with various other challenges, Aseema has set up a multi-disciplinary panel consisting of practitioners from the field of Child Psychotherapy, Counselling, Psychiatry, Paediatrics, Occupational Therapy, Special Education, Neurology and Speech Therapy. Based on recommendations from our in-house counsellors, students and their parents will receive assistance from these specialists.

Our children went the extra mile in making Teachers' Day a truly special occasion for our dedicated team. Their thoughtful 'Thank You' cards were filled with warm wishes for their teachers. A generous buffet organized by Sahara Hospitality Ltd. accompanied by entertaining performances by teachers added a sparkle to the celebrations.

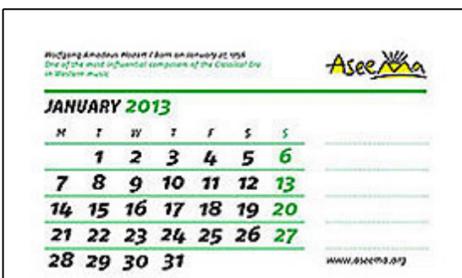


Aseema's Football Team

The children continue to enjoy participating in many different co-curricular activities. The District Sports Officers (DSO) Interschool tournament saw students from our Mumbai projects participating in Judo and Handball competitions. This was a wonderful avenue for the students to display their skills and spirit of sportsmanship. They were proud to make it to the second round of the Handball competition. The Judo team

bagged eight medals – two gold, two silver and four bronze. Our football team players were Runners Up at the Barclays Pan Mumbai NGO Football Tournament.

Some recent additions to our music programme have added great value to our school. Children of our Pre-Primary Section are treated to weekly music sessions by the Mehli Mehta Music Foundation. The children are introduced to the basic elements of music and delight in learning about rhythm and beats.



Shahnawaz Shaikh, our young artist from Aseema's Room 13 – Art Studio has been selected for Art1st's Artist Mentorship programme. Over seven months, selected students from across the city will work with India's finest contemporary artists. They will be encouraged to look at the world through the eyes of different artists whilst developing their own perspectives.



Calendar 2013



Diwali Greeting Cards

Shahnawaz and his friends have also contributed to our Calendar 2013 by sharing their interpretation of Matisse's techniques. The Calendar is based on the theme 'The Colours of Music' and is absolutely striking. In keeping with our commitment to protecting the environment our Product Division has introduced a collection of vibrant Diwali Greeting

Cards made with recycled paper. The designs portray a unique blend of art forms to enhance Indian culture. Do get in touch to place your orders!

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